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Okinawa Bureau, FBIS

Chief

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Dear [redacted]

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I believe [redacted] is also communicating with you on this issue, but I feel obliged to answer your 28 April memo/letter on logistical support to the field.

As you may or may not know, the decision to put all logistics back under Administrative Staff was made while I was still in Ops. With my Ops background, I also was unhappy with the decision, remembering well all the arguments made to have a separate, directly assigned logistics officer in FED (both under Ops and ESG) for full-time dedicated field support. You and I will also remember, however, there always were other arguments from Chief, Admin Staff (pick any one) to have logistics activities centralized within that staff. In the recent decision, D/FBIS simply found the arguments from Admin more convincing than those from ESG (Ops was not involved).

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You are not the only bureau chief or Headquarters officer to take exception to the decision, but you should know that after the initial defensive reaction by ESG (and Ops), all of us now feel there is a chance the new system might work. Whether it ultimately does or doesn't work, ESG management has sincerely committed itself to help make the current structure work. I think that is fair for all. I'm absolutely certain that [redacted] also wants the system to work and will cooperate with ESG toward that desirable goal. With that kind of publicly expressed cooperativeness and willingness on the parts of the "opponents," I feel that the bureau chiefs also must be patient and helpful. If the system fails, based primarily on an objective evaluation by the bureau chiefs and ESG, I then think it would be incumbent on me and others to intervene and, as you put it, "find some way to reorganize the system to put it back on track" and "achieve a solution." Now that we have finally found the money and calendar time to hold a bureau chiefs conference this fall, perhaps that is the best time to have a good and honest look at the field support issue.

I hope your just completed TDY to London and Islamabad went well and served the purposes intended. We'll have time during your TDY to Headquarters to discuss several London and BBC issues that are either pending or have since emerged. Until then, my best regards.

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Sincerely

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Acting Director

SUBJECT: Letter to Chief, Okinawa, re Logistics Support

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